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**SACRAMENTO MAN SENTENCED TO 17 ½ YEARS FOR POSSESSION AND
RECEIPT OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

SACRAMENTO--United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that WILLIAM ALLEN BLOOMFIELD, age 42, of Sacramento, was sentenced on Friday, March 24, 2006, by United States District Judge Garland E. Burrell, Jr. to 210 months (17.5 years) in prison. BLOOMFIELD had been found guilty of possession of child pornography and receipt of child pornography by a jury on September 8, 2005.

This case is the product of an extensive/joint investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Sacramento Valley High Tech Task Force, and the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department.

According to Assistant United States Attorneys Carolyn K. Delaney and Jason Hitt, who prosecuted the case, in sentencing the defendant Judge Burrell said that lengthy sentence was appropriate because the defendant engaged in a pattern of activity involving the sexual abuse of a minor, and because he never accepted any responsibility for his conduct.

"Let today's lengthy sentence remind those who would prey on our children that they will face severe consequences for their despicable conduct," said United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott.

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